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2021

Term 4

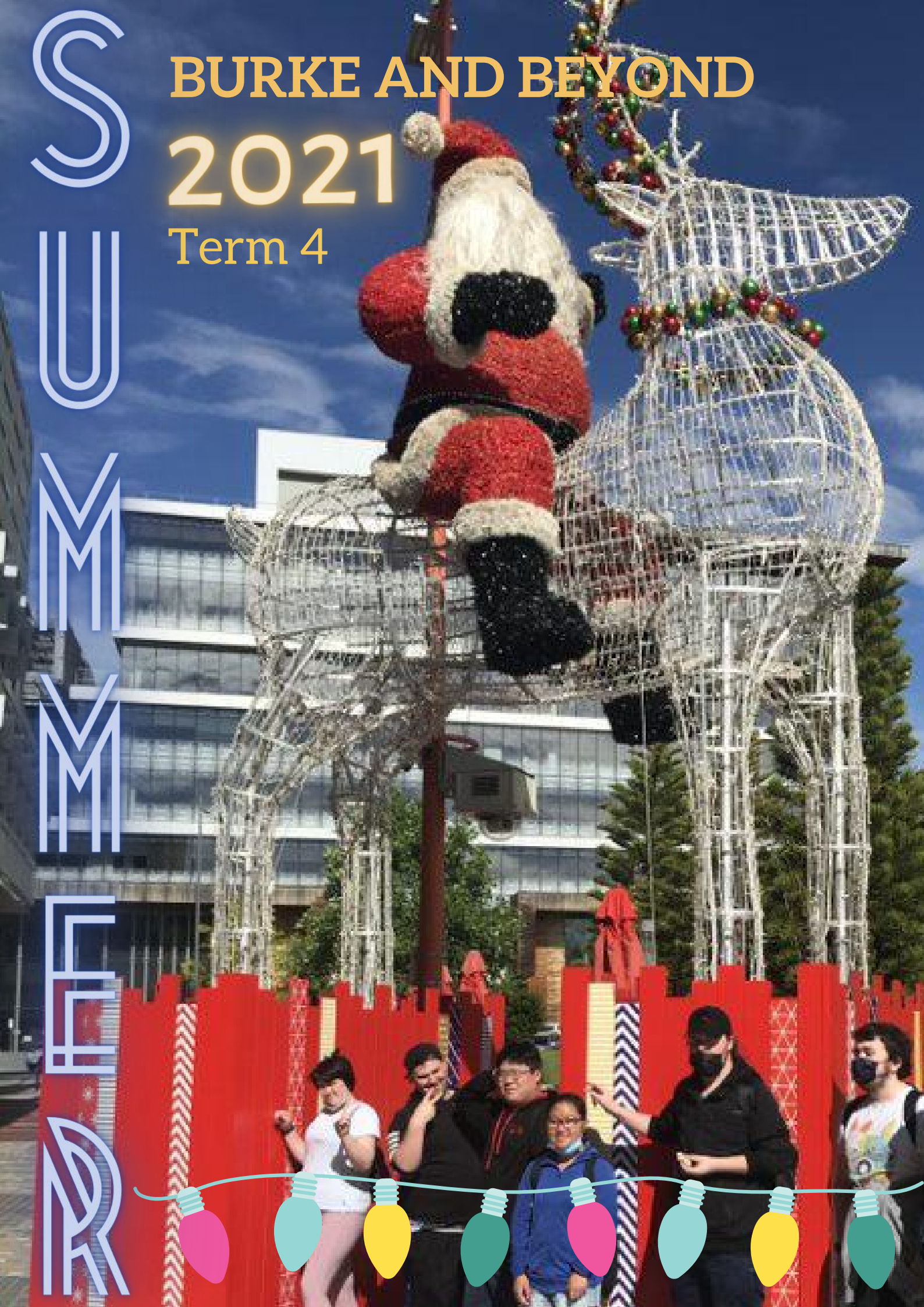
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2022 Term Dates -

Christmas Break 2021 All our services finish at 3.30 pm on Friday 24th of December 2021 and resume on Monday the 17th of January 2022.

First quarter 17/01/22 to 8/04/22 Australia Day Burke and Beyond will be closed on Wednesday the 26th of January for Australia Day.

Labour day We will be closed on Monday 14th of March for Labour day.

Easter Break Closed on Good Friday 15th and Monday 18th of April for the Easter weekend.

Anzac Day Closed for Anzac Day on Monday 25th of April

Second quarter 11/04/22 to 1/07/22 Queen's Birthday Closed on Monday the 13th of June for the Queen's birthday.

July break Closed from Monday 4th of July to Friday the 8th of July (one week)

Third quarter 11/07/22 to 30/09/22

Melbourne Cup Closed on Tuesday 1st of November for Cup day.

Fourth quarter 3/10/22 to 23/12/22

Summer Break The last day of service for 2021 will be Thursday the 22nd of December. Burke and Beyond will re-open next year on Monday 16th of January 2023

AFL holiday *Note that there will be a Public Holiday on the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and the date will be released early in 2022.

Message from the CEO.

Bruno Cyr



We finally come to the end of another seriously difficult year. We were all living in hope at the end of 2020 that this year would be a walk in the park compared to what we went through but unfortunately, worst was to come.

We still have daily news of variants of COVID moving around the world but at least there is a bit of light at the end of the tunnel with the number of vaccinated people being very high and various Governments trying not to use the L word (lockdown) at least for the time being.

Through all of this, our teams have done some sensational work, switching in and out of lockdown as was necessary, and coming up with some great activities via Zoom to ensure that our participants were connected to each other. It has been a period of great stress for everyone involved with Burke and Beyond and the few weeks of holiday coming up is very welcome. I want to thank our participants, families, staff, our Board and my Leadership Team for your patience and flexibility over the course of this year. We worked through the challenges together and I think we continued to demonstrate that our organisation has offered the best possible support to all under the circumstances.

So finally I want to wish you all a very relaxing and safe Christmas break and I sincerely hope that the New Year brings better news for each and everyone of you!

Bruno Cyr
CEO

Next Step Blackburn Report



HOSPITALITY

This Term the Hospitality group developed skills in the kitchen where they learnt how to make different foods from baked goods to hot meals. The group enjoyed baking shortbread and Christmas biscuits, decorating them with their own ideas, to take home to their families. Participants worked together to learn how to make Thai chicken patties, party pies, shepherds pie and sausage rolls. To end the term the group planned Christmas lunch at KNLC with Bayswater where they made shortbread, sliders and served them with cherries.



WORK SKILLS

Blackburn Next Step are straight back into practicing their work skills on site in preparation for future work opportunities. Angus has been practicing his Barista skills and has mastered tempering the milk to make the perfect hot chocolate! Participants have also been back to building their travel training skills, learning how to properly wash a car and build skills in preparing foods



Next Step Blackburn Report



Annie's year of 2021 at Next Step.

My name is Annie. I have learnt lots of skills at Burke and Beyond and at TAFE. I have studied three courses this year. Work Education, Healthy Me and Numeracy and Literacy. My favourite course was Numeracy and Literacy. My favourite programs are cooking on Wednesday and I enjoyed making spaghetti and sausage rolls. When we were on Zoom I enjoyed doing Scavenger hunt and teaching people how to make origami. I'm happy to be back on site. Next year I am looking forward to Certificate 2 in Work Education and work experience. Merry Christmas.



Olivers year of 2021 at Next Step.

My name is Oliver Derham. This year I completed a resume course. I have also completed the Numeracy and Literacy course at Box Hill TAFE. Next year I am doing the Certificate 1 in Transition Education. I have enjoyed being at Burke and Beyond this year and being back on site. We also went to the Melbourne Museum and I enjoyed cooking lasagne with the garlic powder! I also learnt how to cook sausage rolls, zucchini slice, mini quiches and an omelete while on Zoom. In Saturday baking I learnt how to make carrot cake and spaghetti bolognese. Looking forward to next year at Next Step! Merry Christmas everyone and Happy New Year.



Blackburn Next Step participants also celebrated International Day for People with Disabilities!



Next Step Dandenong Report



Hi my Name is Garry, and on sunday 28/11 i finally did skydiving after they cancelled 2 times due to weather. My favourite part was getting on the plane and looking out the window, amazing view of the water and houses and city. My best moments was falling out the plane i had the best view ever i felt like an angel in the sky and it was so much fun. i got free merch because they cancelled twice.



the womens group has enjoyed our freedom again, the ladies recently went to Rush HQ for some fun and jumping! some of ladies faced fears by doing the ropes course! well done ladies



Next Step Dandenong Report...



what hasn't been happening here at Next Step Dandenong?!

Since being back on site we have been straight into courses, volunteer programs, and all the fun :)

Participants recently participated in the barista course, where they learned all about coffee and beans and how to make the perfect coffee.

The art class recently traveled to Springvale to participate in a pottery class. Pottery was a hit and all the participants were so excited to try something new and get their creative juices flowing.



Next Step Ringwood Report



On the 5th of December our team of participants and staff at Bayswater went to Caulfield racecourse to participate in a world record event. The goal: to pack as many hygiene kits for for an entire hour to beat a standing record. The guys rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in beating the record by over a thousand kits! Thanks Kate and the team at Pinchapoo, here's to another year of great work!

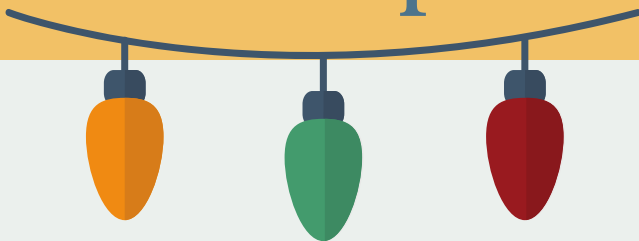




It has been a busy year at Balwyn with lots happening. Participants have enjoyed working in the garden.



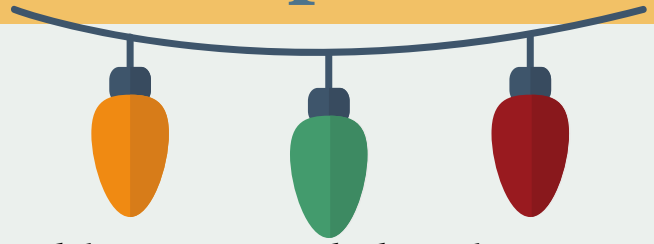
Balwyn & Blackburn South Report



Balwyn participants had a great time preparing and celebrating Halloween. Everyone helped to make some awesome decorations and enjoyed a BBQ and dress up day.



Balwyn & Blackburn South Report



This term Blackburn South has been working towards some Christmas projects. The woodwork group have been making Planter boxes and two sizes of Christmas trees. The men have really enjoyed and learnt a lot of new skills. The groups have enjoyed all the Christmas art and craft projects we have been doing. The groups have made Garbage bag Christmas wreaths



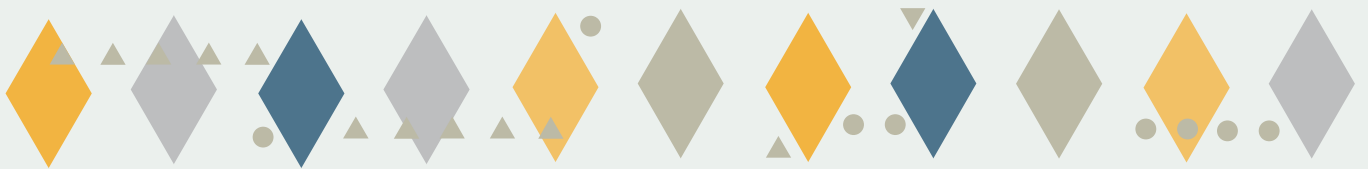
Special Events
Over the lockdown period Maree shared a milestone Birthday with us, Maree turned 50! In celebration we made a Birthday cake in her favourite football teams colours. Go the mighty Demons





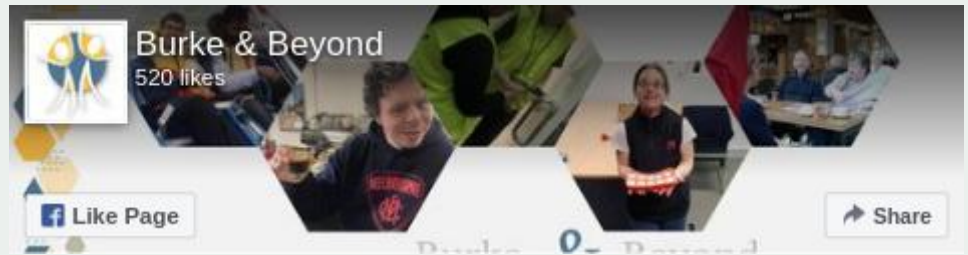
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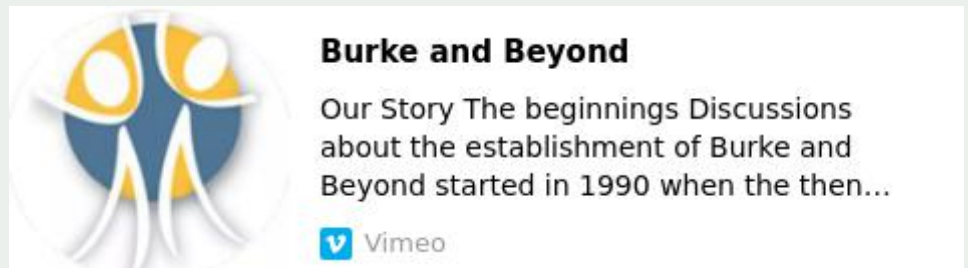


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